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MARRIAGE.
At Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, 23rd Oct., by Rev. H. C. Hedges, M.A., ARTHUR W. DOWNS, M.D., to CONSTANCE H. GROVES, eldest daughter of E. K. Groves, Esq., of Bristol, England.

DEATH.
At the Shanghai General Hospital, on the 23rd of October, 1890, E. J. SMITH, of L.M. Customs Service, aged 51 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1890.

TELEGRAMS.

THE SILVER MARKET.
LONDON, October 25th.
The decline in the price of silver is ascribed to difficulties in liquidating speculative accounts.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, to-morrow evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

FOOTBALL matches by lamp-light are the order of the day—or rather night—in Singapore, just now.

THE report of yesterday's Council proceedings is unavoidably held over, along with much other interesting matter.

THE festively inclined will not forget that to-night Miss Plaisant and her Company will repeat their performance of "Madame Favart."

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. informs us that the Company's steamer *Lombardy* left Singapore for this port at 8 a.m. to-day.

MESSRS. Adamson, Bell & Co., agents for the Canadian-Pacific Line, inform us that the steamship *Strait of Belle Isle* arrived at Vancouver on the 25th inst.

Six months' hard labour was the sentence passed by Mr. Wise at the Police Court to-day upon two "club" managers hailing from Queen's Road Central.

THE *London and China Express* hears from Berlin that Hung-shun, the Chinese Minister to Germany, Russia, Austria and Holland, has been recalled by the Tsung-li Yamen.

At the examination for the vacant cadet-ships in Hongkong and the Straits Settlements, held in London in August last, no less than 59 candidates competed for 6 vacancies.

LIU MING-CHUAN, Governor of Formosa, has been degraded for what Chinese consider next door to high treason, his offence being that he did not manage the coal-mines properly.

A REGULAR meeting of Zealand Lodge, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Saturday, the 21st proximo, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

MR. LINCOLN took an affidavit on our office yesterday afternoon that he will show at the City Hall to-morrow evening, and at the Canton Jail on Thursday night. He has a lot of new fun.

It was notified in Saturday's *Gazette* that Mr. F. A. Hazland had resumed his position as First Clerk of the Supreme Court, at the request of the Chief Justice, the post of acting Clerk of Councils being filled by Mr. A. McD. Thomson, cadet.

THE *Arratoon* *Apac*, which sailed hence this afternoon for Calcutta, via Singapore, carried amongst her passengers for the latter port 25 convalesces and a patient (Chinese) specially selected by the Chief of the local force for service in our sister colony.

MAJOR WONG, charged with stealing a pair of pants from a friend, was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment, by Mr. Wise, at the Police Court to-day, the term to be concurrent with the six months' to which he was sentenced yesterday for the larceny of a \$600 gold watch.

MR. SPENCER's military ballooning experiment in Acheen cost the Netherlands India Government upwards of eleven thousand guilders. Mr. Spencer's fee came to 1,500 guilders for the first ascent, and his salary aggregated 2,000 guilders a month. He got for his balloon 3,000 guilders.

THE steamship *Taiwo*, which arrived at Shanghai last Friday, reports having passed the *Lyemson* still badly ashore in Silver Island Pass. The *Shanghai* endeavoured to pull her off, but two hours later, without any effect, on the position of the distressed vessel, although she had been considerably lightened by taking out cargo.

THE steamship *Melbo* arrived at Shanghai last Friday morning from the South, and reported having seen the gun-boat *Firbrand* riding snugly at anchor inside Tachow Island, on Wednesday afternoon, completely sheltered from a furious gale blowing outside at the time. The gun-boat *Linnel* left Shanghai on Friday to see if the *Firbrand* required assistance.

THE Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

March "La Pave la Victoire" Gounod.
"No. 1. Marche des Gendarmes de Village" Chabrier.
"Raf. Schott" Schott.
Selection "Angels Last" Gounod.
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H.M.S. *Ridgely* and *Rattler* arrived at Swatow on Saturday, searching for the missing gunboat *Firbrand* and received news of her from the steamer *Newchwang*, which had sighted her between Foochow and Shanghai. A Swatow correspondent writes that many of the bodies of fishermen drowned in the gale early this month are being washed ashore, and, horrible to say, devoured by the dogs.

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of their resources and distinct promise of future success in both gold and tin mining operations."

I hold this (his last report) up again—it is the answer. Under the head of "Mining" he tells us that "the west level has, in a length of 200 feet, passed almost entirely through and along quartz shoots assaying up to an ounce and more of gold per ton."

This slight development underground has proved what was only indicated on the surface, namely the continuous and extensive nature of the quartz-bearing formation which will be found here at least 200 feet thick, and is traceable more or less continuously on the hillsides over a mile of country. Compare that with what he says now. But he goes on to say that the very last crushing shows a net yield of over 45 dwts of ore at a cost of only \$3.70, and he estimates the average value at 7 dwts per ton. Those are his own words—practical, not speculative words, and what have we yet, two years afterwards?

Any small profit per ton has only to be multiplied by greatly increasing the quantities handled to accomplish sufficiently high results, and constitute an actual percentage of profit on capital. Up to date not a cash of profit has been realised, and I think I am well within the line in saying that it never will be (Hear hear).

He concludes by summarising his "decided opinion that you have here as good a prospect of developing extensive and rich gold-mines as either miner or mining adventurer can wish for."

Mr. Becher shook his head, saying—"Not as rich a gold mine, but as rich a prospect." That is Mr. Becher's opinion in 1889, 21 months ago. Let us look at his opinion now.

Expressing regret that his plans have been less fully accomplished, and the results not so satisfactory, that the return of gold has been meagre; and so on. Undoubtedly, that needs take a quarter of a minute to tell us. After promising to give us a working mine inside of six months, he now tells us that it appears to him "that the present state of entry on a period of five years' prospecting lease should be regarded as one of distinct transition, at which this Prospect Company should pass from all pretensions of actual mining to a position of simple Estate ownership."

So far as this Company is concerned our mining enterprise has vanished, as I predicted three years ago, as I have since frequently predicted it would, at meetings of this Company, and it is now admitted here, by the General Manager, that we have resolved ourselves into the exalted condition of estate owners—owners of an estate that is worthless!

The Chairman has made the remark that he did not think Mr. Becher was to blame with regard to the transactions in London between us and the "Baby" Prospect Company. I confess that I am sceptical as to the very existence of such a Company; up to the present time I have neither seen in print nor heard officially from any of the members of the Board what the status of the Company is—who are its promoters? Who are the responsible persons connected with it? Who are the directors? I want to know what we have got from it, and what we are likely to get from it; what guarantees we have that they are in a position to carry out their part of the contract? Up to now all these details are a mystery. Perhaps Mr. Brodie has already stated it, and I did not hear him.

The Chairman—No.

Mr. Fraser-Smith—I don't see what it has to do with us if the Penjom-Pahang Gold Mining Company has been unfortunate in its inception. It has to do with Mr. Becher, in selling our property to a bogus concern, or if not bogus, to a concern so hard up that it cannot pay the advance money bargained for. If Mr. Becher is blameless who is to bear the responsibility? The Board of Directors, decidedly. If you are willing to take the responsibility you can quite well, but it lies between you to absolve yourselves (Applause). "At Penjom," Mr. Becher says, "it is really amusing" you will have the advantage of sharing the expense of management and administration with the new Company."

We have defrayed the cost for years, and now he talks of the "advantage" of sharing expenses with a Company of which nobody knows anything ("Hear, hear," and applause). I need not waste through this inconsistent conglomeration of badly-written twaddle—it isn't worth while, for I suppose you've all read it and sighed at it. So now we will give Mr. Becher rest, and look at the report. You will remember, Mr. Chairman, that a year ago I asked you some pertinent questions as to the conditions under which this portion of our property was disposed of to a so-called "Baby" Prospect Company, and you and Mr. Chater gave us rather lengthy explanations, which we accepted as true and substantial statements of the actual position of affairs. I have no doubt that at that time both gentlemen were fully convinced they were only saying what was true ("Hear hear"). But it so happens that what they said and what we heard is now very different.

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the transfer of the Company's property; I say they could have done a great deal more, but it has not been said or indicated that we have any want of confidence in the good faith of the directors. At the last meeting I was the one, when there was strong public feeling against the board with regard to share gambling, and I stand up and express my confidence in the good faith and it received the almost unanimous support of the meeting. We have trusted you—we trust you still—but we intend to have a little say at our public meeting on what you have done. Your acts are open to criticism, and we have endeavored to criticize them fairly, and I should be glad if any member of the Board will point out one thing unfairly said or hinted at. But before you commence to talk about resigning I think you have one duty to perform, and that is to get your report and accounts passed. It is premature in the highest degree to resign before fulfilling your duties to the shareholders (Applause).

The Chairman—Then the best thing we can do under the circumstances would be to ask you to pass the accounts, if any gentleman will propose it.

Mr. Legge—As one who has taken very considerable interest in this Company, not in a spirit of opposition, but for the Company's benefit, I beg to propose it.

Mr. Fraser-Smith—I beg to propose as an amendment, that the following paragraph be left out—"Mr. H. M. Becher returned from London to Singapore in the middle of July and has since been to the mines, of which he has made a full inspection. He remained several weeks at Penjom making the necessary arrangements in connection with the staff and programme of operations contingent on the transfer of the Jalla Block, after which he visited Sunghie Dua and inspected all the workings at that concession. He has now come to Hongkong and presented his report, a copy of which you receive, Mr. Becher is now managing the 'Penjom Estate' and this Company's properties jointly—an arrangement by which they will have the continued benefit of his services with an advantageous division of his remuneration." I am strongly of opinion—and Mr. Becher's remarks have only strengthened that opinion—that he isn't the man for our money in the Straits Settlements (Applause) I consider that he grossly mismanaged our affairs in London; I consider that he has still more grossly mismanaged and misrepresented the state of affairs at the mines, and I think that the shareholders when they hear this Company must part (Applause).

Mr. Legge—I have no objection to the paragraph being omitted (laughter and applause).

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Mr. Jorcy proposed that Messrs. F. Henderson and R. Lyall be elected auditors.

Mr. S. Lomon seconded.

The motion was carried, and the proceedings terminated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

MR. BECHER AND THE PUNJOM COMPANY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

Kindly insert the following letter, which I forwarded to Mr. Goudin this morning:—

Hongkong, 28th October, 1890.

A. O'D. GOUDIN, Esq., Secretary, The Punjom and Sunghie Dua Samantang Co., Limited.

DEAR SIR—I have to point out for the information of the Board of Directors that the poll counted at yesterday's meeting in reference to my amendment on the proposal for the adoption of the Directors' Report and statement of accounts after said amendment had on a show of hands, been carried by an overwhelming majority, was illegal and not in conformity with the Company's Articles of Association, and is therefore null and void, leaving my amendment duly carried.

When the poll was demanded by Mr. Gore-Booth I asked the Chairman if it were not provided for by the Articles of Association, and Mr. Brodie, after consultation, replied that it was so provided and that the poll was in order. I nevertheless had serious doubts on the matter and find that the directors' report was well founded.

I tried to call the attention of the Directors to sub-sections 14, 15 and 16 of section 13 of the Company's Articles (page 17) and especially to sub-section 15 which clearly lays it down that "a poll must be demanded immediately after the declaration of the result of a show of hands, in writing, by at least two shareholders present and entitled to vote at such meeting."

No such demand was made in writing—in fact an illegal proposition was made, before any lawful declaration of the vote, that had just been taken, had been announced to the meeting—and this is the essence of the rule the proceedings that took place on Mr. Gore-Booth's motion were illegal and cannot be upheld.

I further direct attention to sub-section 16 referring to proxies, which was not complied with in counting the poll. I claim therefore the amendment was carried and the report was adopted with the omission of the paragraph referring to Mr. Becher who, I contend, is no longer in the service of the company.

Please circulate this letter without delay amongst the directors and also kindly furnish me with a copy of the Share Register used at yesterday's meeting.

I am, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully,

(Signed) R. FRASER-SMITH.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

MELBOURNE, September 25th.

The shearer in New South Wales and Queensland have gone on a strike.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 25th.

A reform is about to be adopted in the treatment of female prisoners. The Chief of the Department of Prisons proposes to substitute for the corporal punishment heretofore visited upon women a carefully graded list of banishments and solitary confinements, both to take place on the island of Saghalien, in the Pacific, the solitary confinement to be measured by the number of lashes to which violation of the rules would entitle her. If, under the present law, she would receive a lash on the back with the knot, the new rules would give her instead ten days of solitary confinement, and two days instead of every blow with an ordinary whip.

LONDON, September 26th.

The Master Tailors of Great Britain and Ireland have organized into an association to pursue a defensive policy in regard to strikes.

To prevent a deterioration in workmanship they will arrange the work so that the best workman shall receive the highest wages.

A dispatch from Algiers says a cyclone has swept over a large portion of Algeria, doing an immense amount of damage.

Alfred John Francis Egeron, member of the House of Commons for the Eccles division at Lancashire, is dead.

NEW YORK, September 26th.

A Liverpool dispatch says it is charged that the *Tuoluntic's* captain altered the log of the last race against the *City of New York*.

The Hamburg-American line steamer *Winland* floated off the shoal unharmed.

PARIS, September 26th.

Mermels, editor of *Le Courrier* and author of *Algeria's* stories, received a wound on his head during one of his recent duels. At the time he considered the wound trifling, and little attention was paid to it. He is now confined to his bed with a heavy fever, the result of the wound, and it is feared that peritonitis will set in, causing his death. He was the man who the other day was interviewed at great length on duelling, and spoke in its praise.

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of the Wurtemberg contingent of the German army ended the jealousy and friction between the provincial and national military authorities.

TANGIER, September 26th.

The Moorish army has defeated and routed the insurgents in the district of Ait Shokham. The rebels lost heavily in killed and wounded and many were made prisoners. All the leaders captured were beheaded. The victorious troops pursued the insurgents and destroyed several villages.

STOCKHOLM, September 26th.

The Swedish elections for members of the Riksdag are going against the protectionists, who have had a majority in the House for three years. The returns now in show the election of 116 free traders and eighty-one protectionists.

KANKAKEE (ILL.), September 26th.

Two wheels' records were broken here today at the races. The kite-shaped track has been on the best style of track in existence, and the Kankakee track, in particular, the fastest anywhere. Nelson, the great stallion, trotted his mile in the grandest style, without the semblance of a skip or a break, in 2:13, thus lowering Axtell's time and making him the fastest stallion in the world. The weather was unpropitious for the event, it being cold and inclined to rain. It is safe to say that had the weather been favorable the grand horse could have beaten this time. Williams, the former owner of Axtell, states that the track was a second or more slow on account of the weather.

Nelson was driven by C. H. Nelson, his owner, and made the first half in 1:04, but based up coming down the stretch on the last quarter.

The other exhibition that won the applause of the crowds was when John Dickerson piloted Faustian, the two-year-old stallion, a mile in 2:23, lowering all previous records.

LONDON, September 27th.

The Boulanger controversy has been raging with the pen and the sword. Boulanger has at last been heard from.

He has issued a manifesto, which is a curious compromise of that of the Count of Paris, taken in opposition to the plan of self-justification.

The General writes that he consorted with royalists to obtain money for the promotion of his cause. He found that they believed his success would benefit them, and he suffered them to believe so.

He denies that he intended to become a Socialist. He declares that he has ever been, and did always remain, a Republican, but he is an enemy to the present regime in France, as he is a foe to monarchy in any form.

The *Labor World* is developing into an astonishing success. Its circulation amounts to over 100,000.

A shocking scandal is just now agitating military and police society in Berlin. On last Tuesday morning Major von Normann, a most distinguished officer, commandant of the training school for non-commissioned officers at Potsdam, and a great favorite of Kaiser Wilhelm, was found dead in his quarters.

He had committed suicide by taking poison and then opening the veins in his arms. It was said to be due to pecuniary troubles, like several other suicides which have horrified Berlin within the past month.

The real facts have since come to light and prove von Normann to have been a scoundrel of the vilest character. It is not improbable that had he not taken his life von Normann would have provoked a military mutiny which might have resulted in murder, for he ruled the non-commissioned officers under his command with a degree of tyrannical cruelty that had exasperated them to a dangerous pitch, and he took advantage of his power to indulge habitually in unnatural vices, similar to those which made Cleveland street infamous.

The exposure came when von Normann attempted to assault a young non-commissioned officer who had joined the regiment only a week ago. The spiteful and indignant comrade felled his superior officer to the ground and then crossed the barrack yard to the officers' mess, told what had happened and surrendered himself as a prisoner.

The officers immediately held a conference behind closed doors, and finally sent the three oldest captains as a deputation to inform von Normann that as a German officer against whom an infamous crime could be proved it was his duty to shoot himself. Von Normann made no attempt to deny the charges and promised the officers to comply with their demands within half an hour.

The captains waited outside von Normann's quarters for two hours and then, assuming that the wretched man was too cowardly to commit suicide, retired after placing a double sergeant's guard on the place.

In the morning the eldest captain went with a guard and a warrant of arrest, only to find von Normann dead. He must have taken poison and opened his veins while the captains were waiting outside his door, and was probably dead before they retired in disgust at his supposed cowardice. Major von Normann was in command of the troops which by order of the present Kaiser, barred all exit from Friedrichskron immediately after Kaiser Friedrich ceased to breathe.

The evening papers make only the cutest criticisms upon the Slav-McAuliffe fight.

The *St. James Gazette* says: Nobody is in any way the worse for the fight, unless it is those who paid long odds to share in the mild entertainment.

The *Full Mail Gazette* says: Spectators could not congratulate themselves on having their money's worth of punching. The result is a strange commentary upon the weeks of preparation the vanquished boxer had undergone. Slav will retire from the ring.

Detectives present at the fight have reported to the authorities that perfect order was preserved and the rules of boxing adhered to. It is not probable that the police will take any further action.

NEW YORK, September 27th.

John L. Sullivan was seen to-day about the Slav-McAuliffe fight. He never saw McAuliffe "put up his props" and never saw Slav at all. He thinks McAuliffe too tall for a first-class fighter.

"Do you recognize Slav as the champion of the world?" asked the reporter.

"By no means. He has only defeated a second-class man. Of course, he is a good man, but it does not take an extra good one to beat McAuliffe."

"Will you make a match with Slav?"

"No, I refuse for all, that is out of the question. I have adopted the theatrical profession and have left pugilism behind me forever."

BERLIN, September 27th.

Information received from the German Embassy in Paris that Ribot, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, negotiated with Whitelaw Reid, the American Minister, for a reciprocity arrangement between France and the United States, has summarily settled the project of Count Kalnoky, the Austro-Hungarian Premier, for combined reprisals against the United States in retaliation for the McKinley tariff bill. Emperor William never entertained the idea of reprisals.

Herr Miguel, and accepted his scheme to lessen the cost of living to the masses by higher taxes on the moneyed classes, involving the early reopening of the German market to American pork. The official impression here is that Minister Phelps' overtures for settlement, if renewed, backed by some easy concession on German exports to the United States, will find ready response from the Chancellor.

Advices from Vienna indicate that Austrian Government also accepts the principle of reciprocity. Count Kalnoky having instructed the Austrian Minister at Washington to make representations in the matter of mother-of-pearl and other Austrian industries affected by the McKinley bill, with a view to negotiations for a treaty.

Herr Miguel's financial statements have also decidedly influenced military reforms and led to the retirement of General du Vernois from the War Ministry, and the proffered resignation of Count von Waldsee, both of whom urged Emperor William to adopt Scharnhorst's plan for reorganizing the army, involving a heavy increase in the war budget. Despite the popularity of the Scharnhorst scheme in military circles, the Chancellor has thrown the whole weight of his influence against adding to the war budget.

Preparations against Socialist manifestations on October 1st are equal to the contingencies of civil war. Socialists ridicule the expectation of an outbreak, claiming to know the pacific character of the arrangements.

The *Hanover Courier* asserts that when Thompson, an official of the British East Africa Company, took possession of Vuta he tore down and trampled under foot the German flag and gave the natives a portrait of William to use as a target.

DUBLIN, September 27th.

There is no abatement of the interest in the trial of the Nationalist leaders at Tipperary. The impression is that the Government is trying to prolong the trial. The desire of the crown prosecution this morning was that the cases be tried separately. To this the defendants unitedly objected. The magistrates at last yielded, and decided to favor a collective hearing.

Crown Prosecutor Roman declared he bowed to the decision because he must, and said he would refrain from expressing any opinion of its fairness.

The sensational feature of the morning was the renewed attack by the defendants on the magistrate, Mr. Shannon. After their protest against Shannon was disregarded on Wednesday they decided to bring their objections in a more formal way. They prepared a statement of their reasons, in the form of an affidavit, to which each defendant affixed his signature. This joint affidavit the defendants took into court this morning, and attempted to present it to the Bench. The magistrates, who had received no intimation of defendants' purpose, were taken completely by surprise, and as they understood the nature of the document they peremptorily declined to receive it. Instantly Roman was on his feet, denouncing the action of defendants. It was difficult, he declared, to find language strong enough fittingly to characterize it. The document they sought to present was an infamous libel on Shannon. Shannon himself pronounced the affidavit "an attempt to make a scandal of justice." This expression was greeted by the defendants with roars of hilarious laughter.

When the defendants were disposed of and the time had come for taking testimony, it was found the two defendants were not in the courtroom. A short recess was taken to give time for the absent ones to be summoned.

It was subsequently decided to adjourn the case until Monday without taking any testimony.

VIENNA, September 27th.

Polish journals assert that during the recent maneuvers of the Russian army at Kovno Krasnostaw, a bridge collapsed and 400 soldiers belonging to the Pultaw regiment, which was crossing the bridge at the time, were thrown into the water and drowned.

The papers state that among those who lost their lives was General Ardowsky. There has been no official confirmation of the report. The news of this accident was telegraphed at the time it happened, and the loss of life was stated to have been small.

THE HAGUE, September 27th.

The King of Holland suffered a relapse Friday, and his condition is such that he is unable to sign any documents.

PARIS, September 27th.

Baron Hirsch has caused much excitement among certain aristocratic circles. He has bought over the heads of the swell club, the Cercle de la Rue Royale, their clubhouse and all its furniture at an exorbitant figure. The lease has still eighteen months to run and the house is in the best situation in Paris at the corner of the Rue Royale and the Place de la Concorde. All want to know why he bought. The reason is simple enough. Twelve months ago he was put up for membership and was blackballed. Now he has taken revenge. When the club wants the lease renewed the bosom friend of the Prince of Wales can say: "Yes, I will renew it when I am made a member and the blackballers are expelled from the club." This is what the club fears, and already the blackball-brothers have had the necessity of their exodus intensified to them.

WASHINGTON, September 27th.

The Senate has confirmed the following nominations: E. Burd Grubb of New Jersey, Minister to Spain; Edwin H. Conger of Iowa, Minister to Brazil.

MADRID, September 27th.

It is reported that the Spanish Government is placing a cordon of troops along the frontier of Portugal in consequence of apprehensions of a revolution in that country.

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites is especially adapted to all conditions where the tissues are wasting away from inability to digest and assimilate ordinary food. The combined virtues of the Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites produce a marked effect in such cases. They restore the wasted tissues, create an appetite, make new blood, heal the inflammation of the throat and lungs, and increase the flesh. In short they form the finest combined food and medicine that can be given the invalid. Any Chemist can supply it. A. S. Watson & Co. (Ld.), agents in Hongkong and China. (Advt.)

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Geo. Falconer & Co.'s Register.)

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

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